



# AN CANACH



## President's Quarterly Message—Louis Russell

From the President's Desk December 2023

Dear Society Members

I can't believe that 2023 is quickly coming to an end! My Grandmother Willet (from my Mother's side) told us, "...without any effort on our part, that old clock keeps right on ticking." That statement has come back to me numerous times throughout my life. She was right and it seems like that old clock is running faster than it did in the past! This past year has been busy and there is still a lot to get done before the end of the year.

Clan Henderson Society gathered at the 49<sup>th</sup> Virginia Scottish Games in The Planes, Virginia, and held the 2023 Annual General Meeting. In addition, we were recognized as the Honored Clan. Our appreciation is extended to the AGM Planning Committee for organizing a successful meeting. Tim and Marie Clonts went above and beyond hosting the weekend by opening their home and inviting everyone over for a fine feast and a relaxing Friday evening under the stars. The Saturday night Ceilidh was opened by Graeme Dodworth piping in the Haggis followed by food, drink, and fellowship. Participation in the AGM was good both in person and virtually. Again, thanks to everyone that worked to make this happen. We look forward to next year when MaryLane Henderson and Team will host the 2024 AGM at Charleston Scottish Games and Highland Gathering. Watch for future details.

Clan Henderson Society has a new Piper, Graeme Dodworth. In addition to being an excellent piper, he is an avid hockey fan. Please join me in welcoming Graeme.

The 2024 Scholarship Committee has been formed. Audrey Trawick, CHS Youth Director, is the Chairwoman. The Committee includes Ann Hicks, Jan Burdette, and Graeme Dodworth. Watch for announcements from the team detailing the timeline for receiving applications and when the final selection will be complete. Be sure to encourage worthy individuals to apply.

The Clan Henderson Society Advancement Committee is in the process of being formed. Leon Hicks and Christina Henderson have already agreed to serve on the committee with additional Committee members are being recruited. The goal of the committee is to establish an endowment to fund the Scholarship Program independent of the Operating Budget. The Scholarship Program is a tangible way that the Society fulfills the goal of supporting Scottish Culture. I ask that everyone consider supporting this effort. It is a way that we can leave a legacy and demonstrate Clan Henderson's leadership in the greater Scottish Community.

Particularly following COVID, there has been a trend for Active membership in Clan Henderson to decline as members allow their status to revert to Passive. The Executive Committee has identified

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this as an issue that should be addressed. To better understand some the underlying reasons for members transitioning from Active to Passive status, a survey was prepared and sent to members that allowed their status to revert to Passive status over the past 5 years. If you know family or friends that have become Passive Members, please encourage them to reply to the survey. A summary of the survey results will be reported in the future.

A new feature will be offered starting in 2024. You will be able to elect Auto-Renewal allowing your membership to be automatically renewed. This will significantly reduce the necessity of mailing reminder notices and the follow up required if the initial notice is lost or forgotten. The goal is to reduce cost, reduce the workload on VP Members, and to make it easier for you to remain an active member. Everyone is encouraged to choose the Auto-Renew feature when you renew your membership (after January 1, 2024).

Our Society depends on members being willing to serve the Society in various positions. One of the important positions is that of Regional Commissioner. Currently, there is a need for four RC's, including the Northeast Region, the Mid East Region, the Great Lakes Region, and United Kingdom. If you are a member residing in one of these region's I ask that you consider this position. Clan Henderson Society is global with members in Australia, Europe, Latin America and the US. The RC is responsible for ensuring effective communication within their regions and to bring forward issues and suggestions from the region requiring CHS attention. In addition, coordinating Clan Henderson representation at Highland Games and other Scottish events within the region. A more detailed description of the position is included in a separate article in this issue of An Canach and on the Website and Facebook page. Please contact myself or Mark Henderson to discuss these positions.

**I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Hogmanay!**

Sincerely,  
Louis Russell  
President Clan Henderson

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## The Order of the Chief with Distinction

Advancement within the Order is in recognition of continuous service to the Clan or Society, especially as it pertains to the goals of the Society. The recipient must have been awarded a Chief's Medal previously. The recipient must be an active member of the Society or active at the time of death (posthumous). The Chief's medal is upgraded with a blue & yellow ribbon. Advancement within the Order is in recognition of continuous service to the Clan or Society, especially as it pertains to the goals of the Society.

**BARTOO** Rowland 3065 Is inducted into the Order, with distinction, in recognition of his enthusiasm and dedication to our Society's values, as exemplified by his continuing efforts as a convenor and CHS member in the state of Texas and the Far South Region. He is a remarkable leader and represents all that is best with the Society. Awarded the Chief's medal in 2020. 2023

**CLONTS** Marie 2902 In recognition of her energetic and proactive commitment to the 2023 Annual General Meeting. Her unselfish actions and attention to detail in arranging events and generating enthusiasm is unparalleled. Inducted into the Order of the Chief in 2013. 2023

**GERMAN** Dale 4304 In recognition of outstanding service to Clan Henderson as an innovator of ideas for our Clan area, contributions to Scottish culture and service to the Far South region as a Bodyguard. Inducted into the Order of the Chief in 2020. 2023

**GERMAN** Laura 4304 In recognition of outstanding service as Clan Quartermaster, ongoing service to Clan Henderson and Scottish culture and contributions as a valuable member of the Highlanders Pipes and Drums of Oklahoma City. Inducted into the Order of the Chief in 2020. 2023

**HENDERSON** Joyce 3535 Is inducted into the Order, with distinction, in recognition of great enthusiasm and dedication to our Society's values, as exemplified by her constant contributions as a Regional Commissioner, committee volunteer and Hospitality tent convenor. This was most evident when she hosted the 2022 AGM in Hamilton, MT with aplomb, professionalism, and zeal. She is a remarkable leader and represents all that is best with the Society. Awarded the Chief's Medal in 2018. 2023

**Henderson-BURDETTE** Jan 4433 Is inducted into the Order, with distinction, in recognition of her great enthusiasm and dedication to our Society's values, as exemplified by her efforts as a member of the 2021-2022 Scholarship Committee. Additionally, her continuing contributions in support of Regional activities and as a Hospitality tent convenor underscore her commitment and zeal. She is a remarkable leader and represents all that is best with the Society. Awarded the Chief's medal in 2021. 2023

**RUSSELL** Louis 4511 In recognition of his ongoing contributions and unwavering enthusiasm as President of the Clan Henderson Society. His calm and focused approach, coupled with a dynamic strategic vision ensure that Clan Henderson continues to field a vibrant Society. Inducted into the Order of the Chief in 2013. 2023

**STIFFLER** Shirley Sue 1204 Is inducted into the Order, with distinction, in recognition of her great enthusiasm and dedication to our Society's values, as exemplified by her efforts as a member of the 2021-2022 Scholarship Committee. She is a remarkable leader and represents all that is best with the Society. Awarded the Chief's medal in 2016. 2023

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## Proposed Induction into the Order of the Chief:

**Karen Bunning**, #1863 is recognized for a masterful and well-researched genealogical academic effort in pursuit of family origins. Her detailed and focused efforts, primarily rooted in Pennsylvania and Ohio, are a personal credit but will be of value to subsequent researchers for years to come.

**Michelle Brown**, #4840, is recognized for unwavering dedication to Scottish Highland Dancing, as exemplified through constant commitment, dedication and unselfish support of her daughter's artistic endeavors. This was best demonstrated by her road trip to GMHG from NY in 2023.

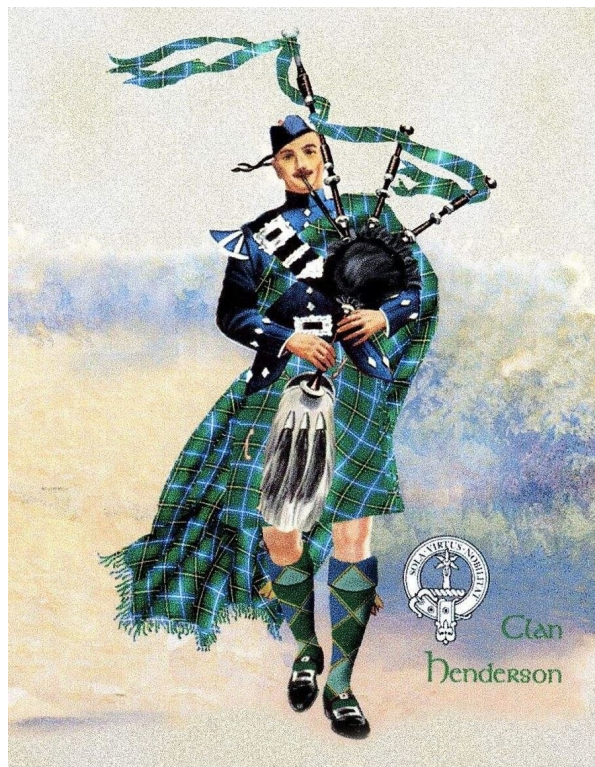
**Brinn Brown**, #4840 is recognized for her zeal and enthusiasm as a Scottish Highland Dancer. This was underscored by her private dance demonstrations at the GMHG in 2023. Her focused attitude and pleasant personality are a tribute to our Clan.

**Complete listing of Inductees into the Chief's Order 2023 awards can be found here:**

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1l-hClymhzfXt0EhE5TqfDJOq-1p2GOFPKc0GZmy59U/edit?usp=sharing>

**Complete listing of Inductees into the Chief's Order w/ DISTINCTION 2023 awards can be found here:**

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## Charleston Highland Games 2023

The 52nd Annual Charleston Highland Games was held Nov. 3rd&4th.

The Calling of the Clans and a Ceilidh were held on Friday. Leon Hicks represented Clan Henderson in the Calling of the Clans followed by music and food! Saturday was a beautiful day. The cool sea breeze was followed by sunshine all day. Lilly Trimble was amazing in the Highland Dance competition, taking the win in many categories. After the games we gathered for dinner at our favorite pub, Irelands Own/ Jagarhaus Pub. There was a large turnout of Hendersons, and we are all looking forward to having you at the 2024 Clan Henderson Society AGM!



## Clan Henderson South Pacific Regional



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### Seaside Highland Games

Three days of sun and shine this October 13-15 in beautiful Ventura CA for the 19th annual Seaside Games hosted by our very own Clan Henderson 25-year Members Nellie and John Lowry, they started the planning of these games over 20 years ago. Friday the 13th was the Gala at Four Points by Sheraton in Beautiful Ventura Harbor . It all started with whiskey tastings and silent auctions. The Gala had a full house of attendees who enjoyed food and drink and multiple performers from the Scottish community. My son Aiden Henderson was the final act playing the Balmoral set, Heroes of Victoria and Collins Cattle. Gates opened to a flurry of spectators at 9am and Clan Henderson tent was well attended by members who later joined me for the Opening ceremonies in the Clan and Bands parade . I would like to give special thanks to Roger & Penny Hunt ,



John & Sherrilyn for helping me man the tent . Former Clan Henderson Operations Manager Steve Henderson's son Nels and family were in attendance with custom shirts and walked in the parade . Once again South Pacific Region of Clan Henderson had members with Winning performances . Cameron Henry took 1st place in his athletic category . Aiden Henderson took 3rd out of 16 competitors in grade 4 solo piping . Aiden also plays with his mom Danielle in the UCR Pipe band , the band placed 1st in grade 5 both days with pipers taking 2nd overall both days and Danielle and her drumline taking 1st overall both days . Christian Henderson South Pacific Regional Commissioner.



# Congratulations Longevity Recognition Pin Recipients!

Region	Member #	Last Name	First Name	State, etc.	Year Pin
Central	4797	HENDERSON	John	KS	5
Great Lakes	4745	SUTTLES	Leon	IL	5
Great Lakes	4847	HINRICHS	Ann	OH	5
Mid East	4763	BENDER	Leanora	MI	5
Mid East	4757	HENDERSON	Andrew Stuart	VA	5
North East	4746	HENDERSON	Dr. Jenna	NY	5
South East	4840	BROWN	Michelle	SC	5
South East	4802	HATCHER	Aileen	FL	5
South East	4775	HENDERSON	Steven	FL	5
Mid East	3625	McMICHAELS	Sandra Henderson	PA	15
North East	3611	HENDERSON	Robert W.	NY	15
Mid East	2164	HENDERSON	George A.	PA	25
North East	2107	HENDERSON	John T.	RI	25
North East	2116	EVES, Jr.	James Henderson	ME	25
South East	2048	CREIGHTON	Jim	GA	25



## New Clan Members—Welcome

Central	5404	BAILEY	Sharla	Bolivar	MO	USA
Far South	5416	BURNETT	Marcia	Broken Arrow	OK	USA
Great Lakes	5428	ELDER	Tracy	Howard	OH	USA
Independent	5412	RICHMOND	Ed	Winnipeg	MB	CAN
Independent	5413	ELLIOTT	Fae Anita	Calgary		CAN
Independent	5423	van HOOFF	Wessel	Roosendaal		NETHER- LANDS
Mid East	5405	HENDERSON	Kyle	Nokesville	VA	USA
Mid East	5410	GRAYSON	Carrie	Airville	PA	USA
Mid East	5414	HENRY	Kimberly	Pittsburgh	PA	USA
Mid East	5415	STAMMERJOHN	Bettie Banks	Houston	PA	USA
Mid East	5417	HAZLEGROVE	Sarah	Roanoke	VA	USA
Mid East	5426	DODWORTH	Graeme	Falls Church	VA	USA
Mid South	5406	WHITE	Jodie	Lebanon	TN	USA
Mid South	5409	WITHERSPOON, Jr.	Philip Henderson	Baton Rouge	LA	USA
North Pacific	5403	JOHNSON	Tiffany	Cut Bank	MT	USA
Oceania	5431	BRANLEY	Julie	Ardross	WA	AUSTRALIA
South East	5411	HENDERSON	Seth	Fayetteville	NC	USA
South East	5419	KEIFER	Angela	Hartwell	GA	USA
South East	5420	HENDERSON	Bryant	Avondale Estates	GA	USA
South East	5421	CARTER	Keenan	Alpharetta	GA	USA
South East	5422	LEES	Steven	Atlanta	GA	USA
South East	5424	BELL	Jaredd	Morehead City	NC	USA
South East	5425	SWARTHOUT	Katie	Raleigh	NC	USA
South East	5427	TYRRELL	Thomas	Winston-Salem	NC	USA
South East	5432	LESSIN	Kira	Palm City	FL	USA
South Pacific	5402	HENDERSON	Taylor	Oceanside	CA	USA
South Pacific	5407	HENDERSON	Jeremy	Los Gatos	CA	USA
South Pacific	5418	HENDERSON	Sheri	Westlake Village	CA	USA
South West	5408	HENDERSON	Nathan	West Jordan	UT	USA
South West	5429	HECKMAN	Tom	Bluffdale	UT	USA
South West	5430	FREEMAN	Kathryn (Kathy)	Longmont	CO	USA

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## Newsletter Editor—Apologies for having missed this in our last Newsletter.

# LOCH NORMAN HIGHLAND GAMES

15-16 April 2023

By Suzanne Keifer



I'm sure that you've seen signs that say, "Under New Management" and you are either skeptical or hopeful that the new management is better than the old. Loch Norman had been through some rough times over the past several years (bad weather, Covid, and less than desirable leadership). In three words, I can tell you "Wow, Wow, Wow!" The Games are back with a bang! What a wonderful weekend on all three accounts I mentioned above- the weather was awesome, no Covid, and amazing new management. We couldn't have asked for better!

Clan Henderson was the Distinguished Clan this year, so we had a huge tent right next to the main reviewing stand and hospitality

tent (not a bad location!). Having so much room afforded us the luxury to spread out and welcome family and friends very easily and not have to repeatedly say "Oh, excuse me, pardon me, etc."

A steady stream of traffic was present on both days; what was noticeable was the number of younger families. More than I'd seen in several years and I want to tell you about one family, in particular. As I was walking to the tent, a young fellow commented to me "I like your kilt!" I was wearing an 18<sup>th</sup> century costume (like Claire in Outlander) and I explained to him that it wasn't a kilt. He walked with me back to the tent (with his parents) so I could show him a kilt and sporran (Harry happened to be wearing both). We were then barraged with wonderful questions from Teddy (4 years old) for a 20 solid minutes about all aspects of Scottish dress, habits, and rationale for it all. I learned from his mom (who, come to find out, is a Henderson!) that he spent the rest of the day going from clan tent to clan tent with similar questions! That is one of the reasons that we do these games year after year – This young man may get a spark and begin to pipe or drum, or throw a caber, or do genealogical research – who knows? Several other young families also stopped by, but Teddy stole our hearts and I'm certain that we'll see them at subsequent games, and I have no doubt he'll be kilted.

We had a great showing at the Kilt Christening and the Loch Norman Pipe Band accompanied the "novices" and



sponsors around the field in fine fashion. As we were the Distinguished Clan, we got to go first in the Parade of Tartans, led by our sharp Bodyguard. I always get goosebumps when I watch them salute with their swords in perfect unison and David Henderson returned the salute just as sharply. Clan Henderson knows how to put on a show! We also had quite the entertainment from David and Loulie Henderson. They got a lesson from one of the Loch Norman drummers in the fine art of drum rolling!

Mary Lane Henderson and Peggy Sanford are going to write about other activities at the Games as there was so much going on throughout the weekend. If you have ever contemplated coming to Loch Norman, I would strongly urge you to do so. They're always in April, depending on Easter. These games have a little bit of everything – music, dance, athletics, yummy food, great vendors, but most of all, camaraderie, and family time.

I'm sure I've left something out and I apologize in advance if I've done so. Thank you to all who came to the Henderson tent and represented us so beautifully! We hope to see you all again next year (if not sooner!)

## The Carolina Open Championship was held at the



## Loch Norman Scottish Games April 15th and 16th 2023.

The competitors came from all across the US and parts of Canada. We are so proud to announce our Clan Henderson Highland Dancers stood out in the championship, taking many of the top wins and trophies.

**Congratulations to Brynn Brown who took home the top Trophy both days!**

**Audrey Trawick is from Florida- Premier Level in the first photo.**

**Brynn Henderson-Passaro is from Florida- Novice level in the second photo.**

**Brynn Brown is from S. Carolina- Premier Level in the third photo.**

**A group picture of (L-R) Brynn Brown, Brynn Passaro, Lilly Trimble, and Audrey Trawick in the fourth photo**

**Lilly Trimble is from Florida - Premier level in the fifth photo**

Congratulations to all our talented Highland Dancers!

Mary Lane Henderson  
Commissioner, SE Region

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## **Immediate Need: Regional Commissioners**

Clan Henderson Society is a global organization with members in Australia, Europe, and North and South America. There are many positions that contribute to CHS success and members that are willing to contribute their time and talents are necessary for the success of the organization. One position that is critical to the success of CHS is the Regional Commissioner (RC). **Currently, there are four Regions in need of a commissioner including the Northeast Region, Mid East Region, Great Lakes Region, and the United Kingdom.**

The RC is responsible for managing their region. The skills required include:

- Excellent organization skills
- Excellent communication skills
- Effective Team building skills
- Ability to motivate people within your region to become involved
- Ability to utilize modern communication tools including Zoom and e-mail
- Ability to utilize standard computer software including Microsoft Excel and Microsoft Word

A detailed description of the RC position is found below and will be posted on the website. If you are a member within any of these regions, I ask that you consider accepting this commission. Please contact myself or Mark Henderson to discuss this further.

Thank you for your consideration.  
Louis Russell  
President, Clan Henderson Society

### **Regional Commissioners Adapted from the Clan Henderson Society By-Laws**

#### **Section 2. Duties of Commissioned Officers.**

- a. Each Regional Commissioner shall have administrative responsibility for society communications and activities within their region, recruit new members and encourage involvement of the society's members in Clan activities and Scottish, Irish, and Celtic events.
- b. Regional Commissioners shall be voting members of the Executive Board.
- c. Regional Commissioners shall support the Vice President for Operations' yearly budget development responsibility by providing a list of items requested and anticipated expenditures. Regional Commissioners shall communicate concerns and opportunities for new member recruitment to the Vice President for Members and provide articles to the Editor of An Canach and the Webmaster related to events and activities in their regions.
- d. Regional Commissioners may appoint conveners, deputies, and minor officers within their regions consistent with the appointed positions specified within the Society structure, including, but not limited to, state conveners, games conveners, and any other position considered necessary for the proper management of their regions. Regional Commissioners shall advise the Executive Board of all appointments to regional positions.
- e. Appointees of the Regional Commissioners are encouraged to attend the Society's

annual general meeting.

f. Regional Commissioners shall coordinate with the Captain of the Bodyguard when nominating members of the region for bodyguard positions of leadership.

g. Regional Commissioners are responsible for attendance at the Scottish, Irish, and Celtic events held within their region, recruitment of a convener for each event, and timely submission of a report on each event to the Vice President for Operations, Vice President for Members, and Treasurer at the conclusion of each event. Announcements of events which will have a Clan Henderson Society presence should also be provided to the Editor of An Canach and the Webmaster, and afterwards a copy of reports, story, and photos should be provided to the Editor of An Canach.

h. Regional Commissioners shall send new member applications and dues payments to the Vice President for Members. Regional Commissioners may request reimbursement of funds expended in support of Society business and consistent with their annual budget or as approved by the Executive Board.

i. Regional Commissioners shall submit an annual budget request to the Vice President for Operations by November 10<sup>th</sup> of each year. These submittals shall include requested funding for materials to support the conveners in their respective regions.

## Coin hoard could be linked to 1692's Glencoe Massacre



**Coins found under a fireplace may have been hidden there by a victim of the infamous Massacre of Glencoe, according to archaeologists.**

Almost 40 members of Clan MacDonald of Glencoe were killed in February 1692 after soldiers were ordered to attack them.

A student discovered the money at the site of a house linked to the clan's chief.

Lucy Ankers was on her first dig when she made the find.

Go to the link below for more information about the find.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-highlands-islands-67031984>

## Southwest Reginal Games Report by Christi Heston

Estes Park, Colorado  
Scots-Irish Festival (8 – 10 September)



This was my first games officially as the Southwest Regional Commissioner. I was just back from the AGM where I received my feather which I placed on my new Tam with a clan hat badge.

The games were to be a very momentous games this year as I intended to officially appoint Bob Henderson as the Colorado State Bodyguard. Unfortunately, the night before the games, he went out to dinner with friends and contracted a serious case of food poisoning. The award of his sash and formal appointment as the state bodyguard position will be accomplished at another time which will make a newsworthy item in the next issue of *An Canach*!

This games event begins with a parade through the town of Estes Park. Because of Bob Henderson being sick I ended up being the lone Henderson, with Clan Shield, in the parade. The crowd seemed to single me out and exuberantly cheer for the Henderson's as I passed by. The parade organizer stepped up to the podium to point out to the crowd that I was the lone Henderson, and they gave me a mighty cheer. I couldn't ask for better publicity! Hopefully we will see Caleb McKendry and Tasha Henderson next year.

For those of you who may remember Clan Piper, John R. Bergquist, his daughter Sharon Akers stopped by the tent to pass on his name tags and to inform me that her father passed away in January 2023.

## Aztec, New Mexico Aztec Highland Games, (6 – 8 October)



*Clan Henderson at the Aztec Highland Games with Kris Jones, Henderson Athlete, Lillian and Natalie Henderson (Games Convenor) and SW Regional Commissioner, Christi Heston.*

Just prior to this event I had the pleasure of once again meeting up with Buzz MacEldowney, SW Regional Commissioner Emeritus, in a business parking lot located on I-25, a halfway point between our two homes. He gave me numerous Henderson tent display items he had either crafted, constructed, or collected over the years to which I only had to add a tent. With so much available I was able to present to Natalie Henderson, the new convenor for New Mexico, a complete convenor's kit when I arrived to help everyone set up for this event.

Kris Jones, a Henderson athlete, and Highland Games Judge provided us with a helping hand in between athletic events he was judging. He was a fount of knowledge about the history of Henderson's participating in Highland Games in New Mexico and Arizona.

Lillian, Natalie's daughter, graciously took up the position as honorary Junior Bodyguard for the parades on Saturday and Sunday.

The Henderson tent attracted many excited people to it. Natalie is now talking about expanding participation to Albuquerque, NM and other locations in the area.

## Moab, Utah Scots On The Rocks (20 -22 October)



*SW Regional Commissioner, Christi Heston, at the Moab, Utah, Scots On The Rocks event*

After an 8-hour trip hauling our coach through the mountains of Colorado we arrived in Moab, Utah. The next day, it didn't take long after tent set up was completed before numerous Henderson's arrived expressing their excitement to see us here. Evidently this is the first time that anyone could remember Clan Henderson at this event. Clan Gunn, who had thought they "owned" the Henderson's of Moab, were stunned to see so many of their number gravitate to our tent. Who knows, this may be the place for a friendly battle in the future!

The event began with a casual and jovial parade of clans from outside the venue area led by one pipe band and followed by another pipe band at the rear. I want to thank new members Kristin Heckman for holding the shield and Tom Heckman for holding the Henderson Tartan Flag during the parade. This was the most cordial and social event I have attended with clans having time to get to know and spend time with each other. Rachell Reilly informed me that next year we should be looking to go to Payson, UT. I want to thank my Husband Robert as he spent the entire time looking up names for those interested in finding their Scottish connections.

## *Flowers of the Forest*

### **Virginia Henderson Wolfe**

Virginia Henderson “Ginny” was born December 16, 1943, to Dorothy and Oscar Henderson in Erie, PA. After High School she married Marshall Wolfe and entered the workforce. She was a multi-talented lady. One of her gifts was to play piano at a cocktail lounge as a second job.



Her full-time job was bookkeeper for a small Construction firm in the Chicago area. She married Jeff Munn and secured an accounting position with Zale Industries, a medium sized residential homebuilder in northwest Chicago. Without a college degree she rose to the position of Chief Financial Officer. The Company grew by building many \$300,000 and \$400,000 homes. Mr. Zale retired and sold the business to a well-known home construction company based in California. Ginny was the only Zale employee retained because she knew all aspects of the business! Several years later when Ginny retired, and unknown to her, KD Homes cancelled their June meeting in downtown Chicago. Instead, they went to Arlington Park for a special day with a morning presentation all about Ginny’s life, then came lunch and an afternoon at the races.

Ginny had a strong faith. She attended Church and Bible study regularly. She volunteered for many projects the Church was involved in both locally and globally. She loved dogs, working jigsaw puzzles and card games.

Ginny is survived by her son Stephen Wolfe of Texas and daughter Patricia Muehling of South Carolina, and 3 grandchildren, Matt, Hannah, and Rachel. She is also survived by her brother Doug Henderson of Cleveland, Ohio, former CHS Great Lakes Commissioner, and younger sister Judy Solares of Tempe, Arizona.

The Family gathered in their hometown, Erie, PA on the last weekend of June to celebrate her life and distribute her ashes along the shore of Lake Erie. Ginny was 78 when she passed in October of 2022.



## Clan Henderson Society Annual General Meeting

The 2023 Clan Henderson Society AGM was held September 2, 4:00 EDT at the Virginia Scottish Games in The Plains, VA. The meeting was well attended with numerous cousins at the event as well as several attending virtually via Zoom.

President Louis Russell opened the meeting, inviting all to join in the Pledge of Allegiance. President Louis reported the on the actions of the Executive Board the past year. A Resolution was passed for the formation of an Executive Committee comprised of the Elected officers to better provide for the management and control of day-to-day operations. This committee has been meeting monthly. Two items were discussed and approved by the committee in the July meeting.

An increase in dues, necessary due to reduced income and increase in expenses. Effective January 1, 2024 dues will increase to \$25.00 per year.

The formation of an Advancement Committee of 3-5 members to lead the effort of growing the endowment, develop a communication plan and promotion plan for reaching out to potential donors.

VP – Operations, Mark Henderson, VP – Members, Suzanne Henderson and VP/General Counsel, Vincent Henderson II each gave brief reports.

High Commissioner and Chieftain of Clan Henderson Society, David R. Henderson greeted all and on the behalf of the Chief welcomed and thanked the membership for their support and dedication for the Society.

President Louis presented the Chief's Prize to Fred Sanford, in recognition for his years of support and service to Clan Henderson

*All the officer reports as well as the minutes of the AGM and Executive Board Meeting have been posted to the CHS website.*

*Sue Hoffman, Secretary*

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## 2024 Highland Games/Scottish Festivals Maritime Canada & Quebec

### New Brunswick



NB Highland Games Festival, Fredericton

[www.highlandgames.ca](http://www.highlandgames.ca)

26-28 July 2024 (40<sup>th</sup> or 41<sup>st</sup> year)

2023 prices:

Full weekend pass \$40 online only incl. the Saturday night Ceilidh

Tix: Friday night free; Sat \$20; Sat night Ceilidh \$10; Sun-

day \$20; children 12 and under (day events) free

Note: No pets allowed on Government House Grounds or Barracks Square, so basically NO pets allowed except service animals



Greater Moncton Highland Games & Scottish Festival, Moncton

<https://monctonhighlandgames.com>

11-15 June 2024 (18<sup>th</sup> year)

At Hal Betts Sportsplex, corner of Assumption Blvd & Vaughn Harvey Blvd, downtown Moncton

In 2023 had 9 clan tents plus NB Scottish Cultural Association tent, Greater Moncton Scottish Association tent, Irish Association tent, and Clans & Scottish Societies of Canada tent.

They welcome Clan Associations to come; registration form online; can rent tents, tables, folding chairs.



Gathering of the Scots, Perth-Andover

See facebook

page; website not yet updated, but is [https://](https://gatheringofthescots.com)

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6-9 Jun3 2024 (21<sup>st</sup> year)

At Veteran's Sports Field

\$15 adult, \$5 student, under 12 free

Admission includes Ceilidh performances

Whisky tasting workshop \$60 extra, 5 drams, 2 p.m.

Last year music began at 11 am and headliner performer began a 7 pm

Grounds open 9 am

There were 66 clan banners in 2023 (no Henderson, no MacLachlan, no McLeod, no Ewen; had MacLaughlin and Sutherland.) No info on whether or not there were tents.

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## Nova Scotia



Antigonish Highland Games, Antigonish  
<https://www.antigonishhighlandgames.ca>

7-14 July 2024 confirmed date (159<sup>th</sup> year)  
At Columbus Field, 121 Main Street  
Tix online or at the gate (unknown pricing)  
There is a parade Saturday  
Motels, inns, campgrounds fill quickly

There is a clan tent where clans are welcome to exhibit.

Each clan receives 2 passes for Saturday only, 1 table, 2 chairs or more if needed, temporary pass for setup, tix for whisky tasting, lunch is provided, clans march at noon with that address to the haggis.

Pets are allowed, leashed and well-behaved in crowds.

It can get very hot so be prepared.



Margaree Highland Games, Margaree (Cape Breton)  
has facebook page; also a website not yet updated:

<http://www.margareehighlandgames.com>

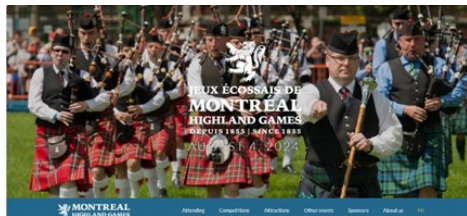
Last year 12-13 August 2023

At 1181 Margaree Road

## Quebec

Montreal Highland Games, Verdun

<https://www.montrealhighlandgames.com>



4 August 2024 (169<sup>th</sup> year)

Last year ticket prices: \$20/person; children 14 and under – free; patrons tix \$175

9:00 am – 8:00 pm (shuttle buses run 8:00 am – 7:30 pm, about every 20 minutes)

At Douglas Hospital Grounds, 6875 Boulevard LaSalle

**\*\*NOTE:** Highly recommended to part at Angrignon

Metro Station and use shuttles

Thursday – Promenade of Cabers

Friday – Wee Ceilidh

Saturday – Athletic events, highland dancing competition, pipe band competition, medieval village, games, haggis ceremony and eating contest, Celtic mile, parade of the clans, best clan presentation, whisky tasting, etc, etc

[info@montrealhighlandgames.com](mailto:info@montrealhighlandgames.com)



Festival Celtique de Quebec (Quebec City)

<https://festival-celtique.com> also facebook

7-8 September 2024 (18<sup>th</sup> year)

Free Athletics, music, food...

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## STONE MOUNTAIN HIGHLAND GAMES - October 21-22, 2023.

By Suzanne Keifer

What a simply beautiful weekend! Deep blue skies, a light breeze, and an early Friday morning rain to wash away the dusty bits. Perfect fall weather fostered a HUGE turnout this year to the 51<sup>st</sup> Stone Mountain Games.

A big family reunion of more than 100 Clans and Societies; many of us have been attending these games for decades (that makes me feel really old...) and we've watched babies grow up into adults, we've said goodbye to many dear friends, and we've made and kept so many new friends. This year was no different (details later...)

I ran out of sign-in sheets, so folks were creative enough to fill them out on the backside – we enjoyed the company of visitors from as far away as Texas and as nearby as across the road. We signed up 3 new members (very easily on the website, by the way). The “May We Help You Find Your Clan” side of the tent was hopping all day Saturday and to a lesser extent on Sunday, allowing us some time to get away from the tent, do some shopping, and visit with our son Matthew, his wife, Angie, and our granddaughters, Hannah and Rachel.

On Saturday, we enjoyed a brisk Walkabout lead by the Loch Norman Pipe Band. Even though they showed up ½ earlier than planned, there was a very good turnout for the walk. Clans definitely knew the Hendersons were there!



Cutest Henderson on the field! - Meet Griffin

With a little help from my friends, we submitted a competition report for the MacKenzie Spirit Award. Every year a Clan is awarded a beautiful trophy (for display) and a Silver Plate (for keeps) based on a description of what the Clan does to foster Spirit and Enthusiasm for Scottish/Celtic cultural activities and studies. What a wonderful surprise to hear “and the winner is Clan Henderson!!”

Following the return from the Tartan Parade and our win, we were all surprised by another grand event. Keenan Carter (who is the son of Ian and Robin Carter, you might remember Ian passed several years ago), proposed to his girlfriend, Alaska and she accepted. That's where I feel old, I've known him for 20+ years but still see him as a young lad...

Please consider putting these games on your calendar; you definitely won't be disappointed.

It was another four glorious days of highland games! There were in attendance 45,000 total. 103 clans, 18 additional Scottish societies.

## STONE MOUNTAIN HIGHLAND GAMES Continued



The weather was at its best! This year we added a Meet and Greet for our Youth competitors and a Children's Coloring time. Brynn Brown took the Win in many categories of Highland Dance. John Henderson took second place in the Wrestling Competition. Noah Scheen, a Youth Scholarship winner took the win in Grade 2 Piping. The Loch Norman Pipe Band took us on The Walk About and some Shenanigans took place with our fellow clans. All in fun!



**STONE MOUNTAIN HIGHLAND GAMES Continued**



## STONE MOUNTAIN HIGHLAND GAMES Con- tinued



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**Thanks to all Aye,  
Lawrence Henderson, An Canach Editor**

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